

REMARKS

The Examiner's Office Action has been thoroughly considered. By way of the hereinabove amendments and the following remarks, Applicants believe their application to be in condition for allowance.

Amended claim 1 poses a combination of previously pending claims 1, 5 and 7. It is respectfully submitted, however, that the Examiner is incorrect regarding previous claim 7. Firstly, regarding the Latva-Aho reference, it is not "obvious that the UE contains this RNC-ID in order to communicate through the correct AP and RNC to let its presence be known to the network." Applicants direct the Examiner to paragraph [0027] lines 1 to 7 of the Latva-Aho reference for teaching a radio network controller (RNC) that may be selected for an access point ("AP") by an access point server ("APS"). The AP may be informed of which RNC is allocated, as stated in paragraph [0044] lines 9 to 12. Note that although the AP is so informed of which RNC to connect to, there is no teaching or suggestion in the Latva-Aho reference that the RNC identity is passed to the user equipment ("UE"). The selection of RNC may therefore be opaque to the UE. It may be enough that the UE knows which AP to connect to.

Moreover, the skilled person would have no motivation to combine the Latva-Aho reference with the Wright reference to result in the invention according to amended claim 1. Latva-Aho does not disclose or teach sending RNC-ID to the UE, as discussed hereinabove. Accordingly, there would be no motivation for the skilled reader of the Latva-Aho reference to look to the Wright reference for a mechanism to send that information to the UE.

Although Applicants dispute this conclusion, even if a skilled person were to seek to indicate the RNC-ID of the reinitialized RNC to the UE), the flag approach taught by the Wright reference would not be used. The mode flag is taught by the Wright reference - e.g., column 2 lines 50 to 55, column 3 lines 59 to 61, column 6 lines

5 to 6, column 6 lines 54 to 55, Figure 3 references 320 and 360 - as being a single digit binary flag. The skilled person would thus not be able to adapt the flag of the Wright reference to carry an RNC-ID.

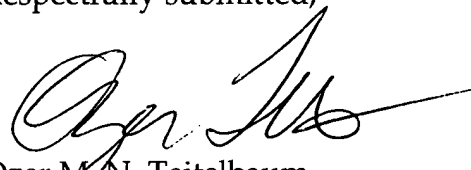
In view of the above, Applicants advance that the rejection under 35 USC 103 falls away, and amended claim 1 is patentably distinguished over the cited art. Remaining dependent claims 2, 3, 4 and 6 are patentable at the very least on the basis that they each depend on an allowable amended claim 1.

New claims 8 to 10 have been added. Claim 8 corresponds to amended claim 1 directed to the UTRAN network. Claim 8 includes the features of previous claims 5 and 7 of "the transmitted information consists of a flag indicating that one of the radio network controllers of the UTRAN network has been reinitialized, and wherein the flag comprises the identity RNC-ID of the radio network controller whose operation has been reinitialized so that only the user equipment devices for which the UTRAN radio network temporary identity contains the identity RNC-ID make their presence known to the UTRAN network". New claim 8 is not disclosed or taught by the Latva-Aho reference in view of the Wright reference for the reasons presented above in respect of amended claim 1.

Claims 9 and 10 are patentable at least on the basis that they depend on an allowable independent claim 8.

Applicants submit that all objections and rejections have been addressed and overcome, and the application is now in order for allowance. Thusly, Applicants believe that a full and complete response has been made to the Examiner's Office Action. Thus, in view of the hereinabove remarks, Applicants respectfully request immediate reconsideration and allowance of their patent application and its claims. To that end, if the Examiner feels that a conference might expedite the prosecution of this case, the Examiner is cordially invited to call the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,



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